



The Office of the Governor

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-25

**DIRECTING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO
INITIATE RULEMAKING OPTING IDAHO OUT OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT MERCURY
CAP AND TRADE RULE**

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a national rule regulating mercury emissions from energy producing coal-fired utilities; and

WHEREAS, the national rule allows states to choose whether they want to opt into an interstate cap and trade program; and

HEREAS, if the State does not formally opt-out of the trading program, the EPA will initiate the process to opt Idaho into the trading program; and

WHEREAS, the decision to opt-in or opt-out of the Clean Air Act Mercury Cap and Trade Rule has been of great interest throughout the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby direct the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to initiate rulemaking, opting the State of Idaho out of the Clean Air Act Mercury Cap and Trade Rule.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 9th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.



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**JAMES E. RISCH
GOVERNOR**

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**BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE**